

Garden Talk

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Preserving Sacred Tribal Seeds in Pawnee

**11 am, Monday
November 7, 2022
Tulsa Garden Center**
at Woodward Park Auditorium
2435 South Peoria Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Join us!

Very special guest “Keeper of the Seeds” Debbie Echo-Hawk works to protect and grow sacred seeds with the Pawnee Seed Preservation Society. Deb has worked extensively with communities in Nebraska and Kansas where the Pawnee lived until many were force-moved to Oklahoma. She has worked to revive nearly-extinct seeds. Deb has become widely-known for her commitment to seed preservation.

Another special guest, Harvey Pain, will update Club Members on one



of our gardening education partner’s progress in Oklahoma, The Nature Conservancy.

Plus, Members lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Garden Inspiration plus report on current and upcoming projects and activities.

Photos: PawneeSeed.org and <https://www.facebook.com/pawneeseedpreservationsociety/>



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Sandy, Rose, Kathi, Brenda, and Linda worked with Susie Wallace (2021 Garden Tour) to host Town Club of Pasadena (California) visitors in Susie's garden, October 15, 2022. Carla Childs and Ann Pinc led tours!

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Order springtime bulbs and perennials to plant NOW! Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose Tulsa Garden Club and plan your bloomin' spring!

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President's Perspective

by Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer, Member since 2018

"Tulsa Garden Club, we're back." So invigorating to see everyone. You've got an incredible meeting coming in November: Deb Echo-Hawk on the Preservation and Growing of heritage Pawnee seeds. Preserving original seeds that were not genetically modified will be important to our current culture.

REMEMBER: Our meetings are open to the public so anyone interested in the presentation is welcomed. (We currently have trainees for the Teaching Garden attending our meetings for educational credit.) We hope to see YOU in November.

We are about sharing knowledge, life and community. It is so much fun when the subject material is dear to our hearts. If you're in Tulsa Garden Club, you grow or grew something, somewhere, sometime. The Horticulture Specialty Show, *Oklahoma Grows!*, this week was sharing at its best. As

the entries arrived there were oohs and aahs, like watching firecrackers, while appreciating the entrants and their entries.

There were also a few hugs when we saw plants doing much better than our own.

There was so much pride in product see.

We were sharing at its best.



Kathi Blazer, President, 2022-2024

Gardening Education Partners Impact Report The Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma

Barry Maxwell, Assoc. Dir. of Philanthropy

In 1989, The Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma embarked on an ambitious goal to restore a functioning tallgrass prairie ecosystem when it acquired the 29,000 acre Barnard Ranch north of Pawhuska. Now called the Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve and spanning nearly 40,000 acres, it is the largest protected remnant of tallgrass prairie left in the world.

Bison were reintroduced at the Preserve in 1993 for their ecological value. Bison grazing and seasonal fire were two of the natural forces that shaped the tallgrass prairie ecosystem.

Your gift will be used to provide vaccinations to the bison herd at our annual Bison Roundup to ensure the health of the herd.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 20, 2023

72nd Annual Garden Tour

Passport to Paradise

Watch for details on our featured gardens and how to become a Patron to benefit gardening education projects, like our public flower shows, and our gardening education partners, like The Nature Conservancy!

72ND ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Oklahoma's longest-running educational, charitable tour of private gardens.

Passport to Paradise

10am-4pm, Saturday
May 20, 2023

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Oklahoma Grows! Horticulture Show

By Linda Smith, Member since 2017

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Outside the Tulsa Garden Center was a beautiful day. Inside the Tulsa Garden Center was a fabulous Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

All the horticulture entered was grown by the exhibitor either inside or outside of our homes. As you can see, our membership has some talented gardeners. We were pleased to have youth entries. The Youth Top Exhibitor Award was won by Rylan Thompson. We invite more young gardeners to enter exhibits in future shows!



As overheard...
What a talented and committed group of gardeners who shared their growing things with the public. I can't wait to see the design specialty show in March!

The Award of Horticulture Excellence was won by Delores Comfort. This Collector's Showcase Award was presented for a platform she designed and created. In the Display Class, a display must exhibit five or more distinctly-different plants in the same plant family. Her exhibit contained seven succulents. Delores, also, received the Grower's Showcase Award.

Other award winners included: Jane Crawford, Education; Sandy Farris, Elf-in; Fleta Haskins, Arboreal; Linda Martileno-Newton, Award of Merit; and Rose Schultz, an Award of Merit, the Botanical Arts Horticulture Award and the Sweepstakes Award for most points earned.



Tulsa Garden Club Awards were: Helen Pearce Memorial Award (highest scoring foliage container grown exhibit) – Delores Comfort; Loyce Anderson Memorial Award (highest scoring Cacti or Succulent) – Sue Lovelace; Mary Byrd Memorial Award (highest scoring arboreal exhibit by a novice – Fleta Haskins; Tulsa Garden Club Special Award (highest scoring combination planting exhibit) – Rose Schultz.

This was a successful flower show because many members worked in preparing for the show, setting up the show, exhibiting in the show, and dismantling the show. “Many hands make light work” is especially true for flower shows! Rose Schultz and I want to thank everyone who gave your time and talents for this show.

You CAN see both the forest and the trees.

Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018, President 2022-2024



History Bites

by Linda Smith, Member since 2017 and Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

YESTERDAY

For the first time, Tulsa Garden Club presented its flower show in the Tulsa Garden Center on May 7 & 8, 1956. Prior to staging shows at the newly-established Tulsa Garden Center in the former Travis Mansion, Tulsa Garden Club shows were held at the Philbrook Museum.



The theme for this 1956 show, “Flying Colors”, was interpreted by use of birds, flowers, and colorful insects. Mrs. W. C. Viglia and Mrs. Leo W. Fagg were chairman and co-chairman of the show. Mrs. C. M. Warren was chairman of the Junior Garden Clubs. Mrs. Allie Root and her pupils at Pershing Elementary School re-created scenes from the current movie, “Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea”.

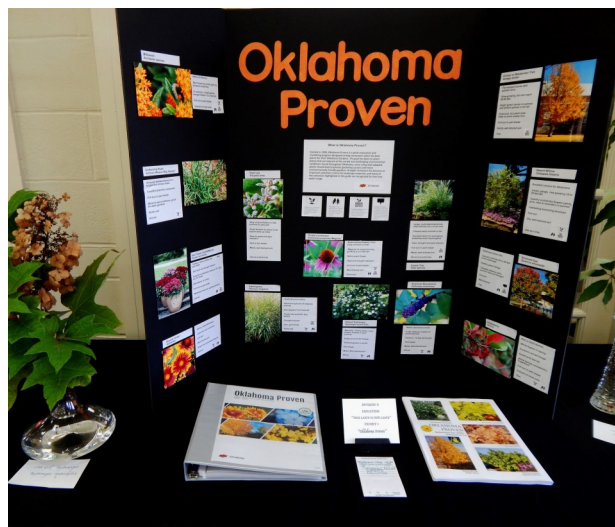
There were no entrance fees for exhibits, and any amateur flower grower in Oklahoma could exhibit. The show was open to the public without charge.

TODAY

Tulsa Garden Club continues to stage educational shows at the Tulsa Garden Center.



Anyone may enter—especially young gardeners! Shows extend the Club’s gardening education vision and are open to the public for free. The one difference from current educational flower shows is that this first show in the Center was open Saturday, 3-9pm, and Sunday, 1-5pm.



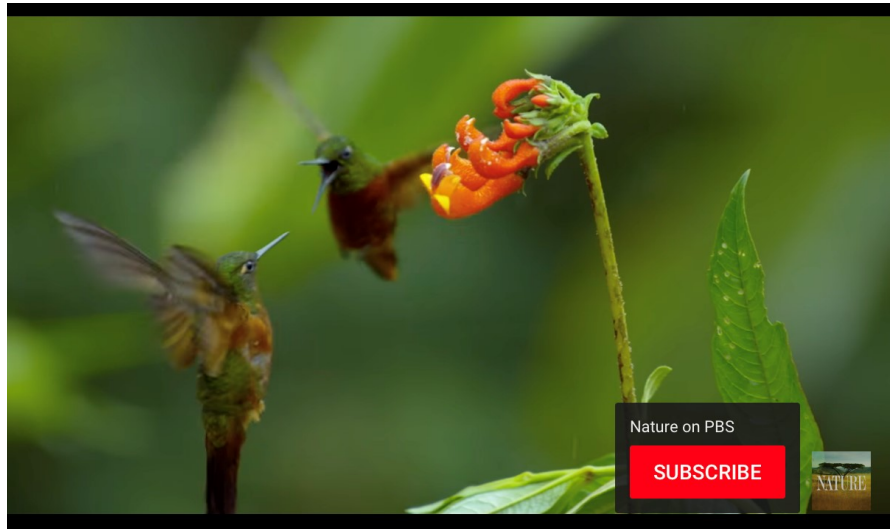
Gardening for Birds

by Ginny Graham-Briceland, Member since 2019

Two species of Hummingbirds are found in Oklahoma, the Ruby-throated and the Black-chinned. Both are valuable pollinators in our landscapes, and both are quite amazing, beating their wings as fast as 70 times per second and flying 25-30 miles per hour.

Hummingbirds perform airborne maneuvers such as hovering, stopping instantly and moving backwards. This is especially noticeable during their courtship when males fly in front of their partners in a pendulum or wide arc motion as they make buzzing sounds. After mating, the incubation period is less than two weeks. Their young fly about 20 days after hatching.

Hummingbirds have the fastest metabolism of any animal and burn 1-2 times their body weight in food daily. Here are some tips for attracting Hummingbirds to your home and helping them get the food they need.



Click photo to view video!

Hummingbirds have great memories and if they like your habitat they are likely to return to the location year after year.

- Don't use pesticides which kill beneficial insects. To attract these insects, leave your over ripe fruit near feeders to attract the insects the birds need.
- Leave spiderwebs alone. Hummingbirds use them as construction material for their nests and use the insects caught in them for food.
- Install a simple water mister for bathing. They prefer the fine spray.
- Hang Hummingbird feeders which don't drip, attracting bees and ants and have elevated perches. Some have a water moat around the edge for birds to drink.
- Hang multiple feeders far apart in the shade. Hummingbirds are territorial and the shade avoids fermentation of the sugar.
- Clean feeders every other week to keep their food fresh.
- Plant many flowers, especially Honeysuckle, Bee Balm, and various Sages.
- Choose specialty nectar combining sucrose, fructose, and glucose, better for them and more closely resembles what they get in nature.

Enjoy these magical winged wonders!

Resource: <https://biosurvey.ou.edu/pollinators/hummingbirds/>

Gardening with Nature

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016, President 2020-2022

“How Can You Sustain Wildlife *with* NATIVE PLANTS” is a subtitle on the front of Doug Tallamy’s book *Bringing Nature Home*. To understand this subtitle, we first must define native. We classify plants as either native or alien. In our thinking, if the plant grows in the USA, it is native. If the plant is brought to the USA from a foreign country, we refer to it as alien.

Doug Tallamy explains plants do not live in isolation, but within an ecosystem. He says, “When a plant is transported to an area of the world that contains plants, animals, and diseases with which it has never before interacted, the coevolutionary constraints that kept it in check at home are gone, as are the ecological links that made that plant a contributing member of its ecosystem.” This explains why some plants become invasive, those things that kept it in check were not moved with the plant.



Recently, I attended a wildflower workshop and our Martin Park Nature Center walking guide, retired naturalist Neil Garrison, emphasized this very idea. Just because the plant grew in Oklahoma did not make it native to Martin Park. Some plants required different growing conditions than are available in the Park.

When we travel to other parts of the country, we see a plant that doesn’t grow in our area, and we want to bring it home and plant it in our yard. For some reason, the grass is always greener on the other side applies to all plants. Let us consider it might be a beautiful plant, but it may not be hardy in our yards and most importantly, it will not contribute to our ecosystem. Will anything eat its leaves, gather its pollen, eat the seeds?

Remember, holes in leaves are a beautiful thing, CELEBRATE!

Note the holes in the leaves of the above brugmansia. The culprit looks to be that white, fuzzy-furry, Virginia tiger moth, pictured upper right.

Why Flower Shows?

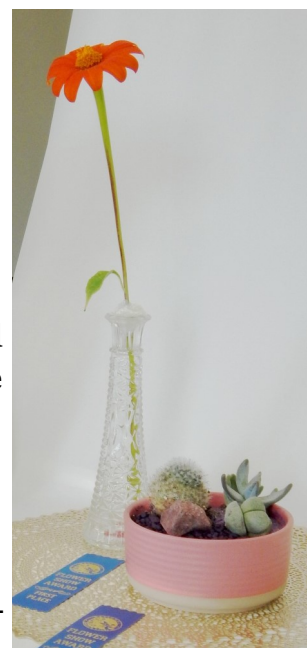
By Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004, President 2011-2013

When we think of a Flower Show, our image is of floral designs. It might surprise you to learn National Garden Club emphasizes **Horticulture** and its educational value to the public through Flower Shows. The purpose is to show the public what can be grown where they live.

In garden clubs we tend to spend a lot of time teaching floral design and ignore horticulture. That is the reason this past *Oklahoma Grows!* flower show was all about horticulture. As garden club members, we grow plants, either indoors or outdoors. The flower show is an opportunity to share (gardening education) with other garden club members and the public the plants we have successfully grown.



The one distinction between horticulture and floral design is that ALL horticulture must be grown by the exhibitor. Plant materials used in floral design may be grown by the exhibitor or purchased from a commercial or wholesale floral source.



With the last revision of the [Flower Show HandBook](#), more opportunities for exhibiting and creativity are provided through Botanical Arts (BA). BA allows for exhibits not included in regular horticulture and design. BA horticulture classes require horticulture grown by the exhibitor, even if it is dried. BA design exhibits do not require the plant material be grown by the exhibitor.

Flower shows can be standard shows which include horticulture, education, design and youth or specialty shows which may be only horticulture or design. *Oklahoma Grows!* was a Horticulture Specialty Show earlier this month.

**Mark your calendar! *Oklahoma Shows!* will be March 25, 2023.
Plan your exhibits for this Design Specialty Show.**

Contact [Rose Schultz](#), 641.777.3336 to order Caladium bulbs, now, for delivery next spring! Lafayette (Louisiana) Garden Club is selling six varieties* of full sun and shade-tolerant bulbs! The bulbs measure 1 1/2" - 2 1/2" diameter, will come to Tulsa in late March or early April 2023. Order as many as you'd like. Rose will combine into one big order for the best \$\$ deal!

Case = 200 bulbs \$175 (.88 ea) Half case = 100 bulbs \$95 (.95 ea)

24 bulbs \$30 (1.25 ea)

*Red Flash, Carolyn Whorton, Royal Flush, White Christmas, Tapestry, White Queen

